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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/542,897
Applicant: Jerry H. Chisnell
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Title: Composite Sleeve For Sealing A Tubular Coupling

Art Unit: 3676
Examiner: Vishal A. Patel

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Sir:

To highlight the distinction of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of June 3, 2003, Paper No. 12, no amendments were made to the claims or the specification and the undersigned offers the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.